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**(S.D.)- Christensen Named Assistant AD Of External Operations At Black Hills State**



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(Spearfish, SD)- Black Hills State University athletic director, Jhett Albers, has formally announced the hiring of Melissa Christensen to take over as the Assistant Athletic Director of External Operations.

Originally from Newcastle, Wyo., Christensen returns to the program after having graduated from the university in 2003 with degrees in Business Administration and Marketing. She also played for the Yellow Jackets women's basketball team from 2000-2002.

"We are extremely excited to have Melissa back in the Yellow Jacket Family as an Assistant Athletic Director. Her experience, personality, enthusiasm, and energy are a natural fit for someone in the field of athletic development and fundraising," Albers said.

"She has already had a great positive impact in our Athletic Department, and made great strides in getting acquainted and connected with our alumni and donors," Albers continued. "I look forward to working with Melissa in our future fundraising efforts to continue to provide scholarships for our outstanding student-athletes."

Christensen's main responsibilities within the athletic department include fundraising, sponsorships, booster club, and budgeting. Prior to becoming a part of the administrative staff, Christensen had been working in the finance industry throughout Wyoming, Colorado, Idaho, and Oregon.

"I am so thankful and excited to be back at BHSU. The people of this community and all the supporters of athletics really make this a special place to be," Christensen said.

"This is an exciting position to be in and the people before me have really done a great job with getting BHSU to where we are today, and I'm looking forward to the challenge of expanding on those successes," Christensen said.